GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPEN SKY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN AVIATION COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enter into open-sky agreements with several foreign aviation companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether open sky agreement with such foreign aviation companies would ease travel between the countries and generate outsource jobs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 580 for reply on 05.05.2005 regarding 'Open-Sky Agreements with Foreign Aviation Companies'

(a) & (b): Bilateral Air Services Agreements, which specify the traffic rights for operation of international air services, are entered into between the Governments and not with aviation companies. Government does not propose to enter into any Open-sky Agreement with foreign Governments presently. However, a liberalized Air Services Agreement based on open sky principles has recently been concluded with USA.

(c) &(d) : The augmentation of capacity on international sectors will ease travel between countries and is expected to provide a significant boost to tourism, trade and commerce generating additional employment opportunities in these sectors.